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FEDERAL JURY IN EL PASO CONVICTS MAN OF ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Luis Miguel Macias faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine after a federal jury convicted him yesterday afternoon of assaulting a federal officer resulting in bodily injury.

Evidence presented to the jury revealed that while driving down Gateway West in the early morning hours of May 25, 2007, Macias struck a Customs and Border Protection officer who was riding his motorcycle home following his shift at the Yselta Port of Entry. As a result, the officer suffered a deep laceration to his leg requiring stitches, as well as various scrapes and bruises. Macias' action was in response to his vehicle being searched by authorities at the port for contraband while entering the United States approximately 30 minutes prior.

Macias, who remains in federal custody, is scheduled to be sentenced on February 6, 2007, before U.S. District Judge Philip Martinez.

The case was investigated by agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorneys William F. Lewis, Jr., and Adrian Gallegos are prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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